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GERD ALTMAYER ET AL :
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For: FILTER ELEMENT WITH PLASTIC :
FILTER CASING :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination and calculation of the filing
fee, please amend the above-identified application, as amended by
Preliminary Examination, as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3 line 1 delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1 delete "or 4".

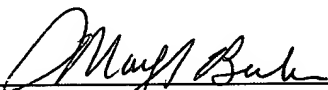
2 Claim 6, line 1, change "one of the Claims 1 to 5" to --
Claim 1--.

2 Claim 7, line 1, change "one of the Claims 1 to 6" to --
Claim 1--.

REMARKS

The above changes eliminate multiple dependency in the
claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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